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SUBJ: ECE - PROPOSAL FOR SEMINAR ON GENERAL ENERGY PERSPECTIVES, 1978

- 1. MISSION INFORMED THAT ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK WILL PROPOSE AT ONGOING MEETING OF SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS THAT SEMINAR ON GENERAL ENERGY PERSPECTIVES BE HELD LATE IN 1978. SEMINAR WOULD INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY COAL, GAS AND ELECTRIC POWER COMMITTEES AND SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AS WELL AS SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS AND WOULD BE UNDER DIRECT SPONSORSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.
- 2. SECRETARIAT WORK ON GENERAL ENERGY PERSPECTIVE ALREADY PLANNED BY STANOVNIK (AND WILL BE DONE PRIMARILY BY AMERICAN STAFF MEMBERS SAULTER, CUNNINGHAM AND SMOLIK WHO MADE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO ENERGY CONSERVATION STUDY (E/ECE/883/REV. 1). STANOVNIK WISHES TO HAVE OUTSIDE INPUT, HOWEVER, AND WILL THEREFORE PROPOSE SEMINAR.
- 3. DEPENDING ON REACTION OF SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WILL ALSO RAISE QUESTION OF SEMINAR AT AD HOC MEETING ON ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY IN THE ECE REGION, MARCH 21-25. SEMINAR WOULD BE SECOND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN SERIES OF THREE TO BE CONSIDERED AT AD HOC MEETING.
OTHERS, ON WHICH PAPERS ALREADY PREPARED ARE SEMINAR
ON COMBINED PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER AND HEAT (1978) AND
SEMINAR ON ECONOMETRIC, INPUT/OUTPUT AND COST
BENEFIT MODELS FOR ASSESSING THE POTENTIAL OF ENERGY
CONSERVATION (1979). (WE UNDERSTAND STANOVNIK DOES NOT
AT PRESENT CONCEIVE OF THIRD AD HOC MEETING ON ENERGY

ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY UNLESS DEVELOPMENTS AT SECOND MEETING SO WARRANT.)

- 4. UNLESS DEPARTMENT ADVISES TO CONTRARY, US DEL TO SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS WILL REACT FAVORABLY TO STANOVNIK PROPOSAL. (MATTER LIKELY TO BE RAISED DURING CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAM OF WORK THURSDAY, MARCH 3.)
- 5. WHILE REACTION OF USSR IS UNKNOWN, PROBLEMS ARE FORESEEN IN VIEW OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN ENERGY CONGRESS. STANOVNIK CAN BE EXPECTED TO ARGUE, HOWEVER, THAT HIS PROPOSAL IS HIGHLY TECHNICAL AND IN NO WAY COMPETITIVE WITH SOVIET PROPOSAL. (DEPENDING ON POINT OF VIEW, ARGUMENT CAN OF COURSE BE MADE THAT SEMINAR WOULD BE ALTERNATIVE TO OR PREPARATION FOR PROPOSED ENERGY CONGRESS.)CATTO

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